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SUBJECT: TRADITIONAL POLICY OF MORE FREQUENT AND REGULAR
PERIODIC AND TEMPORARY DEPLOYMENT

1. SO NOW WE ARE TOLD THAT OUR PERIODIC AND TEMPORAY
DEPLOYMENT INTO "THE AREA" WILL BECOME MORE FREQUENT
AND REGULAR.

2. THE PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AS
WE RECEIVED IT ON THE WIRELESS, MAKES GOOD SENSE. WE
HAVE AN ENHANCED INTEREST IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A RESULT
OF THE MID EAST CRISIS. WE INTEND TO PUT OUR SHIPS IN
THERE MORE OFTEN -- NEWER AND BETTER ONES. IN FACT BY
PUTTING IN THE ORISKANY WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN OUR
AUGMENTED PRESENCE FOR SOME TIME MORE. THIS IS A STRAIGHT-
FORWARD STATEMENT WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY SQUARES WITH
THE FACTS. THERE IS NO LONGER ANY POINT IN ARGUING
OVER WHEN MORE FREQUENT AND REGULAR BECOMES PERMANENT.

3. BUT WHY WAS I INSTRUCTED TO TELL THE NEWSPAPERS HERE
THAT THIS WAS SIMPLY MORE OF OUR TRADITIONAL POLICY OF
TEMPORARY DEPLOYMENT? AND WHEN I SAID THERE SEEMED TO
BE SOME SLIGHT CHANGE, THE BUREAUCRACY HIT BACK WITH
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THE WORD, "TEMPORARY". I COMMEND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

FOR TELLING US ONCE AND FOR ALL WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON
AND WHY. NEXT TIME I HOPE WE CAN AVOID THE PRELIMINARIES.
I FIND THEM STIMULATING BUT I AM NOT SURE THAT ALL OF
YOU DO. MOYNIHAN

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